

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** February 5, 2006, marks the 63rd anniversary of the heroic deeds of the Chaplains of Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant faiths, who went down with the ill-fated troopship Dorchester on January 23, 1943, in the icy North Atlantic waters, and who gave their own life belts to shipmates in order that their comrades of all faiths might live; and
- WHEREAS,** their combined act of supreme devotion and sacrifice for American liberty and human freedom will be an inspiring and ever-shining example of real brotherhood to all our citizens for all time; and
- WHEREAS,** we must ensure that their supreme sacrifice and that of their brave comrades to the common cause of human freedom and justice for all shall not have been made in vain; and
- WHEREAS,** it is entirely fitting here in the state of Louisiana that we keep ever fresh in our memories their historic deed and seek to emulate their high example toward all our fellow man.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim February 5-11, 2006, as

THE FOUR CHAPLAIN'S MEMORIAL DAYS

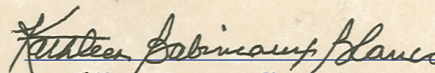
in the State of Louisiana, and call upon all citizens to commemorate the days through appropriate patriotic observances in public places and through prayer in their homes and places of worship.



Attest By
The Governor


Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 23rd day of January
A.D., 2006.*


Governor of Louisiana